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SYNOPTIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH EXECUTIVE SESSION

Palais des Nations, Geneva, 22 September 2000

Prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. The Board adopted the provisional agenda for its twenty-fifth executive session (TD/B/EX(25)/1).

Item 2: UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa

2. The Board considered the report of the secretariat entitled "Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa" (TD/B/EX(25)/2).

Item 3: Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board

3. The Board was informed of the state of preparations for the high-level segment of its forty-seventh session, the theme of which would be regional integration and the global economy.

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Item 4: Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its thirty-third session

4. The Board took note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group on its thirty-third session (ITC/AG(XXXIII)/181).

Item 5: Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

5. The Board decided that the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa be designated under rule 76 of its rules of procedure to enable it to participate in the deliberations of the Conference, the Board and its subsidiary organs.

(b) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

6. The Board was informed that, in conformity with the provisions of Board decision 43(VII), sections III and IV, and after consultation with the Government of the Netherlands, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD had decided to enter the Center for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) in the Register of national non-governmental organizations.

(c) Designation of the President and Bureau of the forty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board

7. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodriguez, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office and Specialized Agencies in Geneva, was nominated as President of the Trade and Development Board at its forty-seventh session.

Item 6: Other business

8. The Board decided that a new item 9(a) would be included in the provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, worded as follows: "Timing of the cycles of UNCTAD Conferences and the UN programme budget".

9. The Board further decided that a new item 9(b) would be included in the provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, worded as follows: "Establishment of an advisory body in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action". It requested the secretariat to prepare the necessary background documentation in consultation with delegations and in time for the consultations of the President of the Board on 6 October.

Item 7: Report of the Board on its twenty-fifth executive session

10. The Board authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on its twenty-fifth session under the authority of the President.